

REMARKS

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application is being filed in an abundance of caution to permit consideration of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

No new matter is being presented in this application.

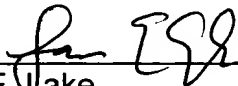
A telephonic interview is requested in the event that the next office action is one other than a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned is available during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Also, Applicant herewith submits a copy of two Information Disclosure Statements and Forms PTO-1449 of which it does not yet have an initialed copy from the Examiner. This Information Disclosure Statements were initially submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 17, 2003 and November 14, 2003 respectively. To the extent the PTO-1449 has not already been initialed in the file, such examination and initialing is requested at this time, and returning of a copy to the undersigned.

Further, Applicant notes that page 2 of the Notice of Allowability does not list claim 34 as allowed even though such claim is pending in the application and is understood to be allowed. Correction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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